

Listing and Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all previous versions and listings of claims in this application:

1. **(Previously Presented)** A method for performing digital right management in a network, the method comprising:

storing, in a first authorized device, a master right associated with a content, which master right controls what type of access the first authorized device has to the associated content;

deriving a subright from the master right, which subright controls what type of access a second authorized device is given to the associated content;

distributing the subright to the second authorized device, if it is determined by at least the first authorized device that the second authorized device complies with a predetermined distribution criterion associated with the master right;

measuring a distance between the first authorized device and the second authorized device, and

allowing, by means of exercising the subright, the second authorized device access to the associated content if the distance between the first authorized device and the second authorized device is smaller than a maximum access distance.

2. **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 1, wherein the predetermined distribution criterion is that the distance between the first authorized device and the second authorized device shall be smaller than a maximum distribution distance.

3. **(Cancelled)**

4. (Previously Presented) A method for performing digital right management in a network, the method comprising:

storing, in a first authorized device, a master right associated with a content, which master right controls what type of access the first authorized device has to the associated content;

deriving a subright from the master right, which subright controls what type of access a second authorized device is given to the associated content;

distributing the subright to the second authorized device, given that the second authorized device complies with a predetermined distribution criterion associated with the master right;

measuring a distance between the first authorized device and the second authorized device,

allowing, by means of exercising the subright, the second authorized device access to the associated content if the distance between the first authorized device and the second authorized device is smaller than a maximum access distance; and

revoking the subright at the second authorized device when the master right exits the network.

5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 4, wherein the first authorized device and the second authorized device are included in an authorized domain, and the size of the authorized domain is managed by the master right.

6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 5, wherein the first authorized device manages the authorized domain.

7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 5, wherein the predetermined distribution criterion is that the number of authorized devices or persons which are allowed in the authorized domain shall be smaller than a maximum domain participant number.

8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the control of the type of access that a second authorized device is given to the associated content by a subright, and the predetermined distribution criteria associated with the master right, are set by a service provider.

9. (Previously Presented) A method for performing digital right management in a network, the method comprising:

storing, in a first authorized device, a master right associated with a content, which master right controls what type of access the first authorized device has to the associated content;

deriving a subright from the master right, which subright controls what type of access a second authorized device is given to the associated content;

distributing the subright to the second authorized device, given that the second authorized device complies with a predetermined distribution criterion associated with the master right,

wherein the control of the type of access that the second authorized device is given to the associated content by the subright is set by the first authorized device;

measuring a distance between the first authorized device and the second authorized device, and

allowing, by means of exercising the subright, the second authorized device access to the associated content if the distance between the first authorized device and the second authorized device is smaller than a maximum access distance.

10. (Cancelled)

11. **(Currently Amended)** A method for performing digital right management in a network, the method comprising:

storing, in a first authorized device, a master right associated with a content, which master right controls what type of access the first authorized device has to the associated content;

deriving a subright from the master right, which subright controls what type of access a second authorized device is given to the associated content;

distributing the subright to the second authorized device, given that the second authorized device complies with a predetermined distribution criterion associated with the master right;

receiving a contact from the second authorized device before exercising the subright by the second authorized device;

measuring a distance between the first authorized device and the second authorized device[[],]; and

allowing, by means of exercising the subright, the second authorized device access to the associated content if the distance between the first authorized device and the second authorized device is smaller than a maximum access distance.

12-22. **(Cancelled)**

23. **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 11, including verifying the master right before exercising the subright by the second authorized device.

24. **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 11, including contacting the first authorized device before each exercising of the subright by the second authorized device.

25. **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 24, including verifying that the first authorized device is within a given range of the second authorized device.

26. **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 4, wherein the master right exits the network whenever the first authorized device transfers the master right to another device outside the network.

27. **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 4, wherein the master right exits the network whenever the master right is revoked at the first authorized device.

28. **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 4, wherein revoking the subright is effected via a communication from the first authorized device to the second authorized device.

29. **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 1, wherein determining the distance includes communicating a first signal from the first authorized device at a first time, receiving a second signal from the second authorized device in response to the first signal at a second time, and determining a difference between the first and second times.

30. **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 29, wherein the second signal is based on the first signal and a secret shared by the first and second authorized device.

31. **(Previously Presented)** A device comprising:

a memory that is configured to store a master right that defines access rights of the device to content material, and

a processor that is configured to:

determine whether a second device is authorized to receive some or all of the access rights to the content material, based on a distribution right that is associated with the master right,

create a subright that defines the access rights of the second device,

determine a distance between the device and the second device, and

distribute the subright to the second device if the distance is less than a predefined maximum distribution distance.

32. **(Previously Presented)** The device of claim 31, wherein the maximum distribution distance is included in the distribution right.

33. **(Previously Presented)** The device of claim 31, wherein the subright grantable to the second device is defined by a provider of the master right.

34. **(Previously Presented)** The device of claim 31, wherein the subright grantable to the second device is defined by the device.

35. **(Previously Presented)** The device of claim 31, wherein the processor is configured to verify the master right to the second device upon request of the second device.

36. **(Previously Presented)** A device comprising:

a memory that is configured to store a subright that defines access rights of the device to content material based on a master right at an other device on a network, and

a processor that is configured to:

verify to the other device that the device is authorized to receive subrights to content materials,

transmit a response signal to a first signal that is received from the other device to facilitate determination, at the other device, of a distance between the device and the other device, the response signal being based on the first signal and a secret that is shared between the device and the other device,

receive the subright from the other device, and

exercise the subright to gain access to the content material.

37. **(Previously Presented)** The device of claim 36, wherein the processor is configured to contact the other device before exercising the subright.

38. **(Previously Presented)** The device of claim 37, wherein the processor is configured to contact the other device to verify the master right at the other device before exercising the subright.

39. **(Previously Presented)** The device of claim 38, wherein the processor is configured to verify the master right at the other device before each exercising of the subright.

40. **(Previously Presented)** The device of claim 37, wherein the processor is configured to contact the other device to verify that the other device is within a given range of the device before each exercising of the subright.

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41-45. (Cancelled)